

In The Specification:

Please amend the Specification, as follows:

Page 1, lines 5-8:

The present invention relates to ~~a-systems~~ and ~~a-methods~~ for automating a business process in various business environments and workflows, including a system and utility device that can help design and implement a business decision making procedure and automate workflow-automation.

Page 5, line 15 – page 6, line 1:

The whole workflow of the automation system including the steps described hereinafter is generally controlled by a host computer (not shown). The host computer has ~~an~~ access to all or at least a portions of the information regarding ~~on the~~ clients, resources and data. The host computer has ~~necessary~~ information available to the equipments or devices that process the work processes. The host computer can be any kind of commercially available computer systems or workstations. In an exemplary ~~the preferred~~ embodiment, a Pentium II grade computer with an operating system, such as, for example, ~~of~~ Windows NTTM, Unix or Linux may be ~~is~~ used as a server. It should be understood by one of ordinary skill in the art that the cComputers and/or the operating systems can be upgraded or interchanged to accommodate the user demands and resource requirements.

Page 6, lines 4-9:

A Bbusiness process is a series of workflows that have to be executed to achieve a business objective. In one case, the workflows can be executed and finished within an organization. In other cases, interactions among organizations may be necessary. Examples of a

typical business process are handling purchase orders in the sales department, lending money in the banking industry and paying the insurance coverage by the insurance company.

Page 6, lines 10-15:

AThe business process has certain characteristics. As shown in Fig. 1, a business process has a starting point and an ending point. ~~In our previous~~For example ~~for~~of a sales department, ~~the~~a business process may starts by generating a purchase order and ends by delivering the goods. Also, a business process comprises a couple of activities ~~and such activities~~ which are performed in a logical order according to a business rule.

Page 9, lines 14-18:

Fig. 3 describes the administrator in more detail. The administrator comprises an organization manager, a role/group manager, an authority manager, a process manager, and a folder manager. An object manager interfaces the administrator with the database. The administrator can retrieve and store information from the database.

Page 10, lines 15-19:

The role and user group manager generates and maintains the role and the user group in the organization. An individual may have~~has~~ a role to play in the organization. The role can be the responsibility of~~to~~ the department that the individual ~~is belonging~~ to or to the entire organization. A role of a secretary, a role of an office administrator, and a role of teller are ~~the~~ examples.

Page 33, lines 23-24:

If the user requests a reference to the work list, the request manager sends a query to the database and returns the results to the user at the client.